

Conservation Activity Evaluation Tool

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Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	Planning Criteria Met			
Screening level: Permanent ground cover $> 90\%$ and slope $< 10\%$. Assessment level: The water erosion rate is $<=$ T.	Yes	No 🗌			
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met				
All non-traffic areas are vegetated.	Yes	No 🗌			
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No 🗌			
Wind Erosion					
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met				
Screening level: Permanent ground cover $> 90\%$ and slope $< 10\%$. Assessment level: The wind erosion rate is $<=$ T.	Yes	No 🗌			
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met				
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No 🗌			
All non-traffic areas are vegetated.	Yes	No 🗌			



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Classic Gully Erosion

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
Screening level: Classic gullies are not present. Assessment level: Classic gully management is adequate to stop the progression of head cutting and widening and are offsite impacts are minimized by vegetation and/or structures.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that is does not cause erosion or large streams of water.	Yes	No
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized. All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.	Yes	No
Soil erosion in areas integrated with trees is controlled. There are no impacts on sensitive vegetation. There are no occurrences or enlargement of gullies.	Yes	No 🗌



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Excess Water

Runoff and Flooding and Ponding

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
Screening level: Ponding or flooding not a problem AND activities do not cause ponding/flooding problems. Assessment level: Excess water is managed to meet client's objectives.	Yes	No 🗌
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation	Test Met
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that it does not cause flooding or ponding	Yes	No 🗌



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Water Quality Degradation

Nutrients in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	iteria Met	
Screening level: Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied AND the PLU is not grazed AND there are no confined livestock areas. Assessment level: Conservation practices and managements are in place to minimize surface water impacts AND surface waters are protected from contamination due to runoff and leaching from storage sites, spill and other concentrated sources.	Yes	No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met		
Livestock access to stream is controlled OR limited to small watering or crossing areas.	Yes	No 🗌	
Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.	Yes	No	
Sacrifice areas are properly sited.	Yes 🗍	No 🗌	



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Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	iteria Met
Screening level: Permanent ground cover > 90% and slope < 10% AND classic gullies are not present AND streams or shoreline are not on or adjacent to site. Assessment level: Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies AND the SVAP2 - bank condition >= 5 AND the livestock and vehicle water crossings are stable AND The water erosion rate is <= T AND wind erosion rate is <= T.		No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation 7	Test Met
All small, temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized.	Yes	No
Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that is does not cause erosion or large streams of water.	Yes	No
Elevated Water Temperature		
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Screening level: Water courses on or adjacent to the site are not designated by a State Agency as a temperature impairment OR water course temperature is not a client concern. Assessment level: The SVAP2 - riparian area quality element score is >= 5 AND the SVAP2 - riparian area quantity quality element score is >= 5 AND the SVAP2 - canopy cover element score is >= 6, OR existing conservation practices are in place to address water temperature.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
More than 50 percent of the water surface is shaded on the length of the stream/river you control.	Yes	No 🗌



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Air Quality Impacts

Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
Screening level: Activities are not present that contribute to agricultural source PM or PM precursor emissions AND episodes or complaints of emissions of PM (dust, smoke, exhaust, etc.), or chemical drift have not occurred. PM producing activity examples are: Prescribed Burn is conducted, Travel ways unpaved or untreated with binding agents, Engines (combustion source), Tillage, Pesticides are applied, Fertilization (manure/commercial), CAFO/manure management). Assessment level: PM and PM Precursor emmissions are managed to meet client objectives.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Dust is controlled on all non-vegetated, unpaved travel ways.	Yes 🗍	No 🗌



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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
Assessment level: The WHSI rating is >= 0.5 AND (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is >= 7 AND the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is >= 7, OR conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds, OR food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Test Met	
Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruptionchemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes	No



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Inefficient Energy Use

Equipment and Facilities

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met		
	Screening level: Client is not interested in improving equipment and facilities energy efficiency. Assessment level: Major components of a USDA approved energy audit have been implemented that address equipment and facilities to meet client objectives OR On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented to meet client objectives.	Yes	No		
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Tes	st Met		
	Energy loss from lighting, drying, refrigeration, cooling, heating, or building insulation has been improved.	Yes	No		
<u>Fa</u>	Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations				
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met		
	Screening level: Client is not interested in improving equipment and facilities energy efficiency. Assessment level: Major components of a USDA approved energy audit have been implemented that address equipment and facilities to meet client objectives OR On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented to meet client objectives.	Yes	No		
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met		
	Energy loss from driven equipment, irrigation, or pumping has been improved.	Yes	No		